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Security Owners Take Step in Effort to Solve Transportation Problems.

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Financiers Wish to Have Roads Give Good Service With Smallest Expense.

Special to The Times-Dispatch

NEW YORK, June 5.—A statement given out after a meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of owners of railroad securities held in New York announcement is made of the appointment of a board of economics and engineering. This board is composed of the following engineers and experts: John P. Stevens, Colgate, N. Y.; Knott, John F. Wallace, W. L. Darlington, L. B. Stillwell, W. W. Colgate.

The work to be performed by this board is regarded as an important step in the solution of the transportation problems now confronting the country. The security owners, it is stated, are greatly concerned in the present situation. The interest on the bonds of railroads generally is not being earned. On the government's valuation of the railroads they will be taken into the larger consolidated systems under the provisions of the Elgin-Cummins act. It is pointed out that the procedure and the conditions obtaining will have their effect on the value of railroad securities.

Owners Not Satisfied.

The general demoralization incident to poor business, low earnings, high operating costs, movement of railroad rates, the valuations and proposed consolidations together with the friction between the railroads and their employees, in the opinion of the security owners, is far from reassuring. They point to the large sums of money required for the maintenance of the properties due to the somning of the government.

The executive committee and the board of experts believe that substantial economies are necessary and can be secured through coordination along lines announced in a tentative statement presented by President Warfield to Senator Cummins in March last. This to be accomplished through group organization of the railroads in the four territories the Interstate Commerce commission has laid out.

The committee feels that unless intensive economies are effected, there is doubt whether rates and fares procurable will be sufficient to maintain transportation in the public interest, or whether part of the cost must be produced through taxation.

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The statement of President S. D. Warfield, of the association, in announcing the appointment of the board, follows:

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Will Measure Heads of Reds to Judge Knowledge

By United News.
STOCKHOLM, June 5.—Bolshevik delegates to the Third International at Moscow will have their heads measured by scientific processes with a view to ascertaining just how much they ought to know. The idea, stated seriously by the participants, takes it to establish the relative intellectual capacities of those present.

This is one of the elaborate preparations for the meeting reported by the newspaper Today. There will also be a newspaper devoted to the progress of the convention with stories in all European languages, and theatrical entertainment will be furnished in English, French and German.

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The President congratulated the governor on the way the State has met this great emergency. His telegram was sent from the Valley Forge home of Senator Philander C. Knox, where the President is spending the weekend and was dispatched immediately on the return of the President from the services at Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge. The message was as follows:

Expresses Sorrow Over Disaster.

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World complications, he continued, can never be settled without the influence of America, and he saw an inspiring future for the nation if Valley Forge traditions are adhered to.

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FIRE MENACES PITTSBURGH'S ENTIRE BUSINESS SECTION

By Associated Press.

PITTSBURGH, PA., June 5.—Fire of unknown origin, starting in an office building in the downtown business section of Pittsburgh at 12:30 o'clock this morning, threatened department stores and other nearby buildings. A general alarm brought out all fire departments in an effort to combat the blaze in the heart of the business district of the city.

The fire started between 106 and 112 Wood Street, destroying the local offices of the Farnsworth Steel Company, the Pittsburgh Office Equipment Company and the New York Wall Paper Company. The loss could not be accurately estimated, but the proprietors of the concerns, estimated that it would run to nearly \$500,000.

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SERIOUS DISORDERS BREAK OUT IN RUSSIA'S CAPITAL

By United News.

HELSINKI, FINN., June 5.—Serious disorders have broken out in Petrograd according to dispatches reaching Helsinki.

Suspension of the usual bread distribution is declared to have been followed by bloody rioting, in which non-Communists were engaged with Soviet troops.

The Soviet government is said to have ordered the arrest of all non-Communists, but the troops do not dare enter the non-Communist section of the city.

LABOR MEMBER OF ENGLISH PARLIAMENT DIES IN LONDON

By Associated Press.

LONDON, June 5.—The Rt. Hon. William Crooks, who served as Labor member of Parliament for nearly twenty years, died today.

Mr. Crooks, who was the most popular member of the Labor party and one of the best beloved men in the House of Commons, began life as pauper infant, spending part of his childhood in the popular workhouse. He served his apprenticeship with a cooper and worked at that trade for years, but at times he was without work and had close acquaintance with poverty and hunger.

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HUNDREDS PAY TRIBUTE TO CONFEDERATE DEAD IN ARLINGTON CEMETERY

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Hundreds of people, including officials of the government, paid tribute to the Confederate dead in Arlington Cemetery yesterday.

Special Ceremonies Held Around Tombs of Unknown—Honor General Wheeler.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Memorial exercises for the South's dead who lie in the Confederate section of Arlington Cemetery were held today, special ceremonies being held at the tomb of unknown dead and the grave of General Joe Wheeler. The exercises were under the auspices of the Confederate Veterans' Association, Sons of Veterans, Daughters of the Confederacy and the Southern Believers.

Representative B. G. Lowry, of Mississippi, was the principal speaker.

Hundreds gathered around the stand draped in the Stars and Stripes and the Stars and Bars and around the Confederate monument, where, after the sounding of taps by a bugler, a beautiful piece in the shape of "The Southern Cross" was unveiled.

Children of the Confederacy, dressed in white, passed among the graves, placing flowers upon each.

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WEED OUT THE BAD IN MODERN DANCE, SAYS DR. RUSSELL BOWIE

Christian Idealism and Southern Chivalry Invoked by St. Paul's Rector.

Urging that the young people of Richmond make up their minds in the light of Christian idealism as to what is beautiful and what is base, Rev. W. Russell Bowie, D. D., rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, last night discoursed on dancing and modernism. He also appealed to the Angie-Saxon chivalry and refinement of the South.

Few thoughtful people would hesitate to say that there is much in our social life of the present day which needs betterment," he said. "There has been an explosion of speech on this matter recently, but the matter itself is not new. As long ago as last fall a large number of women of this congregation met to consider their responsibility as Christians in reference to present-day social standards and the committee appointed by this meeting has been working quietly since then to try to set in motion some kind of definite help.

Many people have been thinking about the whole problem. On the need of definite thought and action, all can agree.

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"On the other hand, I think that most can agree that there are ways and means of trying to set new influences in motion. What we want is enlightenment and persuasion, not indiscriminate denunciation. It is possible for the utterance of these who mean to be of help even in the pulpit, to be full of vulgarities and suggestiveness as are the lowest dances which they